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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

DWPI and keywords: blood vessel and wrap and buckle and tension and similar terms

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X A	US 5843170 A (AHN) 1 December 1998 Column 5 lines 38 to 46 and lines 58 to 63	22-24 1
X A	WO 2002/076305 A1 (LANE) 3 October 2002 Page 5 line 21 to page 6 line 12	22-24 1
X A	US 5593414 A (SHIPP et al.) 14 January 1997 Column 2 line 63 to column 3 line 51	21-24 1
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WO 02076305		BR 0208329	CA 2440179	EP 1372491	
		US 2004133267			
US 5593414		AU 39506/95	AU 71883/98	AU 75689/94	
		CA 2147757	CA 2199741	EP 0673229	
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		US 6607540	US 2004097972	WO 9505778	
		WO 9610365			
US 6226843		NONE			
WO 9740755		AU 28170/97	CA 2252894	EP 0898463	
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